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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I hope this letter finds you in good health (or as best as can be hoped for!). I write you in great respect, as I am one of those whom you make mention of in some of your books; young enough to have not been alive at the time of Kennedy's assassination. Regretfully, I have had the opportunity only to have read two of your fine works: "Case Open" and "Never Again!", as I've found that many of our local bookstores carry only a handful of books regarding this crime, and only indiscriminantly, without regard to content or accuracy. Thus, I found your two books amongst those of Livingstone, Lane, Hurt, Lifton, and yes, Posner.

Incidentally, at the time, I decided to purchase "Case Closed" by Posner and "Case Open" at the same time. I read his book first and then yours; consequently, I've since read "Case Open" twice more. I believe my copy of Mr. Posner's work (I realize I use that word mistakenly) is mouldering somewhere on my back deck.

Don't mistake me. I approached both his and your book with an open mind. Though I had at the time read other books by some of the above-mentioned authors, and did feel there was a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy and the "official" explanation wrong, I hadn't been convinced wholeheartedly by those authors to the point of total belief. Therefore, I was willing to be receptive to an intelligent, analytical, conclusive book. I hadn't read one of these on the subject until I read "Case Open" by Harold Weisberg. Case closed on "Case Closed".

Before reading "Case Open" and "Never Again!", I'd ^{heard} of you and your work, mentioned by other authors in the field... of course, most notably your "Whitewash" series. Let me apologize for not getting around to your work until last. Possibly though, maybe I'm fortunate that things came out this way. After reading all those theories, including the Warren Report, and then getting the gist of the Whitewash books, though not yet fully I'm sure, the truth becomes more apparent. Remaining troubled and unsure after reading their "best evidence", I'm somewhat embarrassed to admit that I couldn't put into words the thing that bothered me most. After reading your two (just two!), I could. Namely, the

the question "Why isn't anyone interested in hard fact? Why all the conjecture and speculation with nothing to substantiate?". In essence, why must everyone degenerate into theorizing? You see, even I (certainly interested in the subject, but by no means active in any intense research) instinctively felt that there must exist a hard body of fact, a legitimate record lurking somewhere.

After reading your two books (and surely to be reinforced after I read in hopefully the near future, the Whitewash books), I realized your approach is the only way ^{it} could have been shed. Not to insult your work by any means, what I think amazes me most is it's simplicity. Nor do I mean to call decades of hard work, litigation, research, and poring over hundreds of thousands of documents simple. Obviously, no one else has done it. Nor, I think, do they want to. So much easier to produce a book without the burden of hard work and fact finding. No, fiction must surely be funner to write, with the added bonus of coming up with something that could easily be rendered into a screenplay. The fact that you freely offer the use to anyone the results of your years of labor, the truth, and as of yet, few have used it, and none extensively, says enough.

Only one last thing troubles me, and it is a subject that you have addressed. Namely, now that we know the truth (maybe not the whole truth, but maybe the most we can hope for), what do we do about it? What do we learn from this?

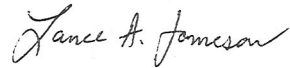
Disillusionment, disgust, apathy for our country's system. These would be easily contracted symptoms caused by this knowledge. They got away with it.

However, a sobering education is not always a bad one. Personally, I've never (or at least not since my voice deepened and began to notice the female gender) took the words of our institutions without several grains of salt. Henceforth, moreso. And the media? From now on, to me, the media will have to prove itself right before I accept anything it spews forth. Not paranoia, just healthy wariness.

I apologize for the length of this missive, Mr. Weisberg. I just strongly felt I would be remiss if I didn't attempt to convey how I felt. Many, as I, are deeply indebted to you. You have shown many the truth, and I feel this country is, in a way, more secure with your legacy firmly in place at Hood College, allowing others in the future to learn it as well. Whoever committed this crime got away with it, but in the future - "Never Again!"; there will be those, like myself, who will be watching.

I would respectfully request a price list and catalog of all your available work. I realize any personal response from yourself would be too much to expect, though I can honestly say any such response would run the risk of being framed and hung in my den.

With Sincere Respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lance A. Jameson".

Lance A. Jameson

P.S. The length of this letter could be rightly pared down to just four words:

"Thank You Harold Weisberg."

From a twenty-six year old American